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SUBJECT: MILITARY SALES F-8 H AIRCRAFT FOR KUWAIT

RE (A) KUWAIT 1526 (B) CNO 042116 Z MAY 73

(C) KUWAIT 1486

1. EMBOFF MET WITH COL AJEEL AND OTHER KAF OFFICERS TO DICUSS POINTS IN REF B AND C. THEY NOTED POINTS WITH INTEREST BUT ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON FOLLOWING (A) RE ORDNANCE PYLONS, KAF OFFICERS WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER PYLONS DISCUSSED REF B COULD CARRY DUAL ZUNI ROCKET PODS OR FOUR 500 POUND BOMBS. (B) RE 2- SEATER TRAINER, KAF OFFICERS BELIEVE SUCH A TRAINER IS ESSENTIAL. THEY WONDER HOW TRAINING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT TWO SEATER, DUAL CONTROL AIRCRAFT. THEREFORE THEY WISH KNOW WHETHER TF-8 CAN FULFILL THIS REQUIREMENT. THEY ASKED WHETHER IT HAD SAME INSTRUCTION AND OTHER FEATURES OF F-8 H

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AIRCRAFT. SPECIFICALLY JUST HOW IS IT LIKE AND HOW DOES IT DIFFER FROM F-8 H AIRCRAFT?

(C) KAF OFFICERS REFERRED TO USE OF SPECIAL GREASED PLATE WHEN F-8 H WHICH HAS BEEN RAISED ON JACKS IS LOWERED. IS THIS PROCEDURE USED ON CARRIERS ONLY OR ON LAND AS WELL. IS PLATE OF SPECIAL DESIGN AND PART OF F-8 H EQUIPMENT PACKAGE? KAF OFFICERS CURIOUS ABOUT F-8 H WHEELS IN LIGHT OF NEED TO USE PLATE WHAT ARE IMPLICATION FOR LANDING IF GREASED PLATE IS NEEDED LOWER AIRCRAFT FROM JACKS?

2. IN GENERAL KAF OFFICERS WANTED TO BE ASSURED THAT F-8 H AIRCRAFT THEY WOULD RECEIVE WOULD HAVE ALL THE LATEST MODIFICATIONS AS INDICATED IN F-8 H MANUAL.

3. KAF OFFICERS SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD TEAM OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS WOULD BE COMING TO KUWAIT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT AT MINDEF SHAIKH SAAD REQUEST AMBASSADOR HAD ASKED THAT TEAM COME HERE ASAP. KAF OFFICERS QUESTION PINT UP NEED TO HAVE TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS HERE AT THIS TIME TO GO OVER EACH QUESTION AND TECHNICAL POINT KAF OFFICERS HAVE. BOGOSIAN

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